

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

KASSIA DIOMANDE,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
-against-  
  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ET AL.,  
  
Defendants.

24-CV-7302 (LTS)

ORDER DIRECTING SIGNATURE

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, Chief United States District Judge:

Plaintiff brings this action *pro se*.<sup>1</sup> The *in forma pauperis* application that Plaintiff submitted is unsigned. Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that “[e]very pleading, written motion, and other paper must be signed . . . by a party personally if the party is unrepresented.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a); *see Becker v. Montgomery*, 532 U.S. 757, 764 (2001) (interpreting Rule 11(a) to require, “as it did in John Hancock’s day, a name handwritten (or a mark handplaced)”).<sup>2</sup>

Plaintiff is directed to sign and submit the attached signature page within 30 days of the date of this order. If Plaintiff returns the signed document by mail or in person, it must have a handwritten signature that complies with Rule 11(a). If Plaintiff submits the document by email,

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff originally filed this complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, *See Diomande v. City of New York*, No. 24-CV-3509 (RPK) (LB) (E.D.N.Y. Sept. 23, 2024). By text order dated September 23, 2024, the Eastern District transferred the action to this court.

<sup>2</sup> Although a “typed name” does not satisfy Rule 11(a)’s signature requirement, the Supreme Court affirmed the right of courts “by local rule [to] permit papers to be filed, signed, or verified by electronic means.” *Becker*, 532 U.S. at 764. Under this court’s local rules, where a document is filed in accordance with the SDNY Electronic Case Filing (“ECF”) Rules & Instructions (“ECF Rules”), the filing complies with the local rules. *See* Local Civil Rule 5.2. Rule 1.1 and Appendix C of the ECF Rules authorize self-represented parties to sign documents submitted to the court by email using an electronic signature or typed name with /s.

to [ProSe@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:ProSe@nysd.uscourts.gov), Plaintiff may use instead an electronic signature or a typed name with /s/ (“/s/ Kassia Diomande”) on the signature line. The signed document must be labeled with the docket number 24-CV-7302 (LTS).<sup>3</sup>

No summons or answer shall issue at this time. If Plaintiff complies with this order, the case shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of the Clerk’s Office. If Plaintiff fails to comply with this order within the time allowed, the action will be dismissed without prejudice.

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore *in forma pauperis* status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. *Cf. Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444–45 (1962) (holding that appellant demonstrates good faith when seeking review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 27, 2024  
New York, New York

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain  
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
Chief United States District Judge

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<sup>3</sup> For registered ECF filers, “[t]he user log-in and password required to submit documents to the ECF system serve as the Filing User’s signature on all electronic documents filed with the Court.” Rule 8.1 of the ECF Rules. Self-represented litigants must request permission to register for ECF by filing a [Motion for Permission for Electronic Case Filing](#).